

North Figueroa Association

ANNUAL MEETING November 19, 2013 – in person @ Future Studio

Lunch from Follieros served @ 11 am (eggplant & meat lasagne, antipasto, arugula salad, pizza, garlic bread, tiramisu); NFA logo cookies

Meeting called to order @ 11:40 am

In attendance: From NFA: Steve Homel (with Penny Homel), Tom Wilson, Alex Rudisky, Misty Iwatsu, Titina Folliero, Amy Inouye (with Stuart Rapeport), Christopher Nyerges; From General Security: Andy Patterson, Brian Hanhart (CEO), Sean Cohan; From Chrysalis: Rick Stoff, Emily Chin; From CD1: Pedro Ramirez, constituent services; From LA City: Eugene Van Cise

Reports:

CD1: Keep it Clean Campaign is cleaning alleys, plans to get solar compactor trash cans for North Fig (looking for sponsors/partners); Bulky item pickup is now by appointment (Brian suggested a sticker program to put this reminder on trash cans); CD1 to set up meeting with their graffiti service (Graffiti Busters) and NFA to coordinate graffiti paintout

GSS: has done successful joint training w/ LAPD and planning to do more; foot patrols now 40% of time—stats have improved w/ more personal contact; bike patrols cut back but used for special events such as parade; Sean Cohan is our new GSS liaison; trouble spots: church (dark corners); NFA can help by trying to get more business owners to sign trespass arrest forms (very few have been turned in)--problems w/ vagrants, etc, has been handled so far but if something escalates and LAPD needs to be called, they cannot go into the business unless the form is signed. For crime in progress reports, call 911 before GSS.

Farmers Market: going well, Dec 2 winter hours go into effect (close @ 7pm instead of 8pm)

Chrysalis: everything going well, they have success stories of workers in transition, some of whom have worked in NFA district

LANI project: comps shown for the mosaic tile art that will be placed on street corners; work will start in 2014; concept has been approved by HPOZ

NFA: We have received past due funds, so have some money in reserve, but will need to take into account that this was a one-time occurrence. NFA still subsidizing farmers market; costs for maintenance, security, and market employee will increase in 2014; may need to consider raising assessments in 2014-15; we do have some surplus that we will consider spending on gum removal, tree trimming, additional mosaic street markers or trash cans. 2014 annual plan presented; propose to accept (Steve), seconded (Alex), unanimously approved. Security contract still being finalized. Should be done early in the new year.

No meeting in December. Next meeting: Jan 21, 2014 @ 9:45 am at Future Studio.

Meeting adjourned: 12:55 pm

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year everyone!